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SUBJECT: DETROIT RENAISSANCE CENTER RELATIONS WITH FLORENCE

1. DETROIT RENAISSANCE CENTER PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT JOHN F. MAYHEW CALLED AT CONSULATE SEPT 29 IN RESPONSE CONSUL WRIGHT'S TELEPHONE REQUEST.

2. VISIT TO FLORENCE IS AT MAYHEW'S INITIATIVE BUT CLEARLY WELCOMED AS EVIDENCED BY LUNCHEON SCHEDULED BY COMMUNE OF FIRENZE FOR SEPT 30. TELEPHONE INVITATION TO WRIGHT FOR COMMUNE LUNCHEON WAS CONSULATE'S FIRST NOTICE OF MAYHEW'S PRESENCE IN FLORENCE.

3. MAYHEW SAID THAT DETROIT AUTHORITIES HAVE CONCLUDED GABBUGGIANI CANNOT GET U.S. VISA, THEREFORE MAYHEW'S PURPOSE NOW IS TO FIND SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE FIGURE. INTEREST CENTERED NOW UPON FLORENCE UNIVERSITY RECTOR GIUSSEPPE PARENTI WHO HAS APOLITICAL REPUTATION. I SUGGESTED CAMARLINGHI WOULD NOT BE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OVER GABBUGGIANI WHICH SEEMED TO SURPRISE MAYHEW INASMUCH AS CAMARLINGHI HAD ALREADY VISITED DETROIT. FOR FUTURE CONTACTS I INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBLE DETROIT-FLORENCE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE EXCHANGES WHICH MAYHEW VIEWED POSITIVELY AND PROMISED TO EXPLORE. FLORENCE CHAMBER IS OVERWHELMINGLY D.C. AND NEW OFFICERS ANXIOUS TO INITIATE NEW TIES WITH U.S.

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4. BPAO LAGAMMA WILL ATTEND SEPT 30 COMMUNE LUNCHEON FOR

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MAYHEW.

5. COMMENT: MAYHEW APPEARS QUITE UNINITIATED IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUT ASKED SEVERAL INCISIVE QUESTIONS. HE SEEMED SATISFIED THAT U.S. POLICY IS SOUNDLY BASED AND IS PREPARED TO AVOID PROBLEMS WHICH COMMUNIST PARTY CONTACTS MIGHT EVOKE.

6. FLORENCE AUTHORITIES ARE CLEARLY PLEASED WITH IDEA OF DIRECT CONTACTS WITH DETROIT, AS INDICATED BY PAESE SERA ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT, LOCAL OFFICIALS' REMARKS AND RECEPTION ACCORDED MAYHEW. WE EXPECT THIS PROGRAM WILL BE WITH US FOR SOME TIME TO COME.
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